

## What Have the Deportations Got to Do With It—Asks the Aged Rabbi

By DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ

SEVERAL WEEKS before Passover last year I received a telephone call in the European headquarters of the J.D.C. in Lisbon. The call was from San Sebastian, Spain. The caller was a refugee who had just got out from France with his family. He was quite excited. At several points in the conversation I had to tell him not to shout so loudly into the mouthpiece. It was probably the first time that he was making a long distance call, and he thought that the louder you shouted the better you were heard.

"Dr. Schwartz, please, please, get me a visa for Portugal. My family and I have just come over from France, and it is very, very urgent that we get to Lisbon immediately. How soon can we have the visa?"

In Europe Jews believe that the Joint Distribution Committee, or the 'Joint,' as they call it, is a veritable "deus ex machina," that no matter what the emergency or the problem, the J.D.C. can solve it immediately and satisfactorily. So I explained to the refugee that

the J.D.C. does not issue visas, but uses its experience and contacts to help secure the issuance of necessary documents. And, I asked, what urgency was impelling him to come to Lisbon immediately.

"Oh, it's terribly important," he said. "If I don't get to Lisbon, how can I attend the Passover services and how can I go to a seder? I don't have to tell you that there are no synagogues in Spain."

## Why Did I Hesitate

He was right—there are no synagogues in Spain. I promised him to do what I could, and after I had hung up I wondered at my hesitation in telling him what had been on the tip of my tongue: That with so many lives to be rescued and so much relief to be extended for the alleviation of human suffering, his own particular problem would have to wait. Analyzing my hesitation in not telling him this, I realized that all along I did not really believe it. In my heart I knew that attending holiday services was probably just as important to him and his family as personal safety. So I did not delay meeting his request—and

several hours before the seder of the refugee community of Lisbon began he and his family arrived.

I was to be reminded of this refugee months later. In August of the following summer—that is, the summer of 1942—I arrived in Marseille, unoccupied France, on the very day that the Laval Government began to deport Jews to the Nazi East. The days that followed were hectic and heartbreaking. The J.D.C. and the relief committees through which it operated in unoccupied France were faced with one emergency after another. I practically lived in the J.D.C. offices.

## Yeshiva Versus Deportations

One hot afternoon, when the deportations were at their height, an aged rabbi—he was past 80—came panting into the office, which was four flights up. I knew him from Paris, where he had been living for many years. He got right to the point: A yeshiva in which he was interested needed funds to continue to function. The J.D.C. had always supported it, he said, so for how much could they count on now.

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Committee Joins,  
As Name Changed  
To Conference

Special

NEW YORK—Without in any way affecting the character, purpose and objectives of the American Jewish Assembly, the Executive Committee this week voted to change the name from American Jewish Assembly to American Jewish Conference.

At the same meeting, the Executive Committee announced that the application of the American Jewish Committee for admission to the American Jewish Conference was accepted, making a total of 43 organizations now affiliated with the conference. Allan Strouss, of the American Jewish Committee, represented that organization at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

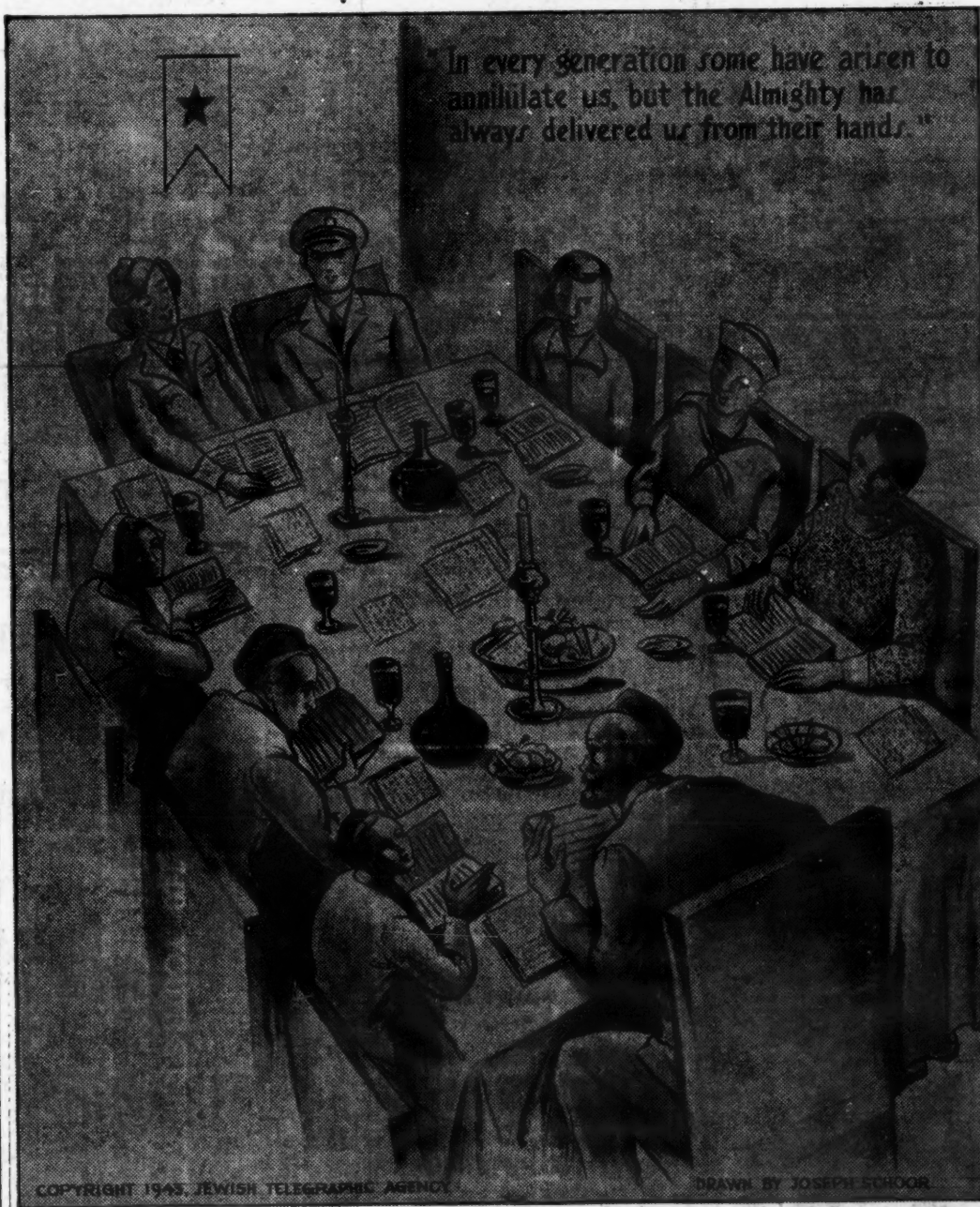
July first is the tentative date set for the convening of the American Jewish Conference, with the election of the 375 delegates to be chosen from the communities by the democratically convened conference of representatives of organizations in the communities and regions to take place no later than June 14, 1943.

Men's Club To Hear  
Chicago U. Speaker

Allison Davis, professor of education at the University of Chicago, will address the Beth-El Men's Club at 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, April 28. Professor Davis, an outstanding Negro educator and the author of many books, has chosen for his subject "Race, Culture and Personality." As an added feature, the Men's Club will present the well known Y. M. C. A. Negro quartette. The special guests at the meeting, to which the public is invited, will be the Laymen's League of the All Souls Unitarian Church.

## Northside AZA's to Meet

The Northside A.Z.A. Chapter, No. 246, will hold a business meeting at 8:30 p. m. Thursday, April 29 at the home of Jack Dorfman, 2353 N. Alabama, to plan a membership drive.

Terre Haute Women  
Plan Hospital Ball

Special

TERRE HAUTE—Mrs. Bertram Hirsch and Mrs. Eugene Nirdlinger are new additions to the committee in charge of the annual ball given for the benefit of St. Anthony's Hospital. Mrs. A. N. Levin and Mrs. Rudolph Duen-

weg have for years been very active on this committee.

Mr. Samuel Blay was honored last week on his birthday when Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blay and Mr. Justin Blay entertained for him at a dinner in the Sapphire Room, at which eleven relatives were present.

Fighting French Raps  
Giraud Move

LONDON—The fighting French here this week voiced their opposition to Gen. Giraud's abrogation of the Cremieux decree in an article written by Capt. Pierre Bloch, an army officer attached to Gen. de Gaulle's headquarters in London, published in their organ La Marseillaise.

Conference Snubs  
Pleas For Large  
Scale Rescue

Special

HAMILTON, Bermuda — With pleas of three Jewish groups for some scheme to salvage Jewish lives still under Nazi domination turned down, the conference on European refugee problems was finishing its first week of deliberations here, with leaders of the U. S. and British delegations promising that every effort would be made to find asylum for as many individuals as possible, but specifically declaring that large scale rescue was out of the question. The three representations were from U. S. Jewry, British Jewry and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, resident of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

Jewish Leader Advisor  
To U. S. Delegation

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

HAMILTON, Bermuda—George Backer, American Jewish leader, is one of three advisors to the United States delegation to the Anglo-American Refugee Conference which opened here this week. The other two advisors are George Warren, executive secretary of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees, and Robert Clark Alexander, assistant chief of the State Department's Visa Division. (Mr. Backer is vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee; a member of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee and its overseas committee; president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency; member of the board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, president of the American ORT, and member of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Economic Corporation and of the Refugee Economic Corp.) Maintenance of refugees in neutral countries and asylum for them in other friendly nations until the termination of the war will be the two chief points of discussion at the conference, it was indicated by the American delegation.



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Mrs. Max Katz, has been trans-  
ferred to Camp Breckenridge,  
Ky., from Camp Atterbury.

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**Lt. "Jimmy" Home on Leave**Lt. Joseph Bloch, Jr. was home  
on leave for a few days with his  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bloch.  
Lt. Bloch was graduated recently  
from the adjutant general's school  
at Ft. Washington, Md., and is  
assigned temporarily to the Salt  
Lake City air base. While station-  
ed at Lowry Field, Colo., Lt.  
Bloch was piano soloist with the  
Denver Symphony Orchestra and  
with other musical organizations  
of Denver.

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**Muncie Man Promoted**We hear that William Deutsh,  
Jr., of Muncie, now in Africa,  
has been promoted from Captain  
to Major. Lt. Martin D. Garfield  
was home on a short furlough to  
attend seder at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. Sam Gold. Also at the  
seder was Naval Air Cadet How-  
ard Bernstein, in training at Ball  
State College. Lt. Garfield and  
other Jewish officers of his unit  
were granted leave to attend  
seder at their respective homes  
through the intervention of the  
Chaplain of their unit who is of  
the Baptist faith.

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**Local Men Home for Holiday**Home on leave to spend Pass-  
over with their families were  
several servicemen whose homes  
are in Indianapolis. Lt. Leon  
Levi was home from Camp Sut-  
ton for a week. Lt. James P.  
Leeds, of Bowman Field, Ky.,  
spent Passover with his mother,  
Mrs. I. E. Solomon, and Lt. Ed  
Rose arrived at home Wednes-  
day on a 10 day furlough after  
graduating from O. C. S. at Ft.  
Washington, Md. He will be  
stationed in New York. Lt. Ralph  
A. Berman of Los Angeles was  
here on a visit to his wife and  
daughter. His brother Sam, and  
his mother visited here with  
him.Also enjoying a few days of  
rest were Chief Petty Officer  
David J. Forman, from Davids-  
ville, R. I., Cpl. Benjamin Beck,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beck,  
Cpl. Phil Greenberger and Pvt.  
Harry Hochman, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Sam Hochman.

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**Aaronson Promoted to Major**Sidney Aaronson of Camp  
Smyria, Tenn., is now Major Sid-  
ney Aaronson, having received  
a promotion from Captain last  
week.

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**Terre Haute Man Inducted**Philip Berkowitz of Terre  
Haute, Indiana, was inducted  
into the U. S. Army at Ft. Ben-  
jamin Harrison last week after  
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Harry E. Yockey, director of Civilian Defense will discuss developments of Civilian Defense for Indianapolis including plans for blackouts and dimouts.

Another feature will be sound movies, depicting battle scenes, exhibited by Harry Marcus, including the movie entitled "Letter From Bataan," Irving Ruben, chairman of Ambulance Corps of Civilian Defense, will preside. A social hour, with cards and refreshments will follow the meeting, which will be open to B'nai B'rith members and friends.

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RECEIVES PROMOTION**

Meyer A. Efroymsen, son of Mrs. Isaac Efroymsen, of Indianapolis has been promoted to Major. Major Efroymsen is now engaged in desert maneuvers in Utah with the Field Artillery, doing work with 105 mm. howitzers.

Prior to going into the service, Major Efroymsen had received the Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University, and was with P. C. Reilly Chemical Co. of Indianapolis. He was active in B'nai B'rith and served as president of the Young People's Temple League.

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# STATE IN REVIEW

Weinstein Heads I. U. Pilgrimage  
Special

BLOOMINGTON.—Election of officers for the third semester of the current school year was held recently and Bill Weinstein of Indianapolis was re-elected to office of Rex. Weinstein has served as president of the Junior Council of Hillel at Indiana University and also presided over the Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio re-

gion of A. Z. A.

Re-elected to the position of Archon was Robert Weiss of Hammond. Abe Schuchman of Indianapolis replaced Robert Begner as Keeper of the Exchequer, Lennard Goodman of Philadelphia took over the position of Scribe left vacant by Ed Sharavsky who was elected to the Executive Council, and Walter

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## Muncie Temple Dedicates Plaque

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**Personals**—Mrs. Selma Witt is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claudine Schuster. Anna Gold was home from Bloomington to spend Seder night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gold. Mrs. Bea Cossman, formerly of Muncie, now of Flint, Mich., will be home for a short visit.

## EVANSVILLE SISTERHOOD PLANS LUNCHEON: OFFICER NOMINATIONS TO BE PRESENTED

EVANSVILLE.—Mrs. Louis Marks will preside at the desert luncheon Tuesday of the Washington Avenue Temple Sisterhood which will hold its monthly

meeting at the Temple. Miss Bernice Hamburg will present a dramatic monologue.

The nominating committee will make the following recommendations for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Louis Marks; first vice-president Mrs. Sylvan Haas; second vice-president, Mrs. Frederick Drucker; secretary, Mrs. Al Koch; financial secretary, Mrs. Morris Abraham; treasurer, Mrs. Mose Barnett. Directors for one year: Messrs. Arthur Weil, Abe Levy, Richard Gumberts, Morris Levi. Directors for two years: Messrs. Sol Reese, Isidore Fine, Jesse Hallert, Ferd Kluga.

**Personals**—Mrs. Sig Marks, returned Sunday from a four weeks visit with her daughter Mrs. J. W. Greenberg, in New York, City. Mrs. Mel Vonnagen, wife of Captain Mel Vonnagen, Henderson, Ky., will entertain Friday afternoon, April 23 at the Montgomery Spence Tea Room in honor of her mother who is visiting her from the East.

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Diving, one of the most graceful items in the water sport carnival, is also one of the most difficult and Ann is the picture of perfection as she goes through the motions off the spring boards. It goes without saying that to attain such championship finesse in such a highly intricate and specialized event, hours of constant and gruelling practice must be

put in. And even in her practice sessions Ann combines the skill of an acrobat with the rhythm and grace of a ballet dancer. Perhaps you may have seen pictures of this youngster in the news-reels; perhaps you were one of the fortunate who were in Chicago when she won her title for the third time hands down. If so, you have the consummate definition of grace in motion to carry with you for years to come. For in retaining her low board diving title, Ann has proved beyond cavil that she ranks with the top-notchers in the sport parade.

L. A. SHAW, Attorney.

ss: In the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana. No. B-25722-2. Complaint for Divorce. James Eugene Hayes vs. Josephine Hayes.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 14th day of April, 1943, the above named plaintiff, by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Josephine Hayes and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that the residence of the defendant, upon diligent inquiry is unknown and the defendant Josephine Hayes is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and that said cause of action is for divorce and that the defendant Josephine Hayes, is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 16th day of June, 1943.

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 16th day of June, 1943, the same being the 9th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the First Monday in June, 1943, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in her absence.

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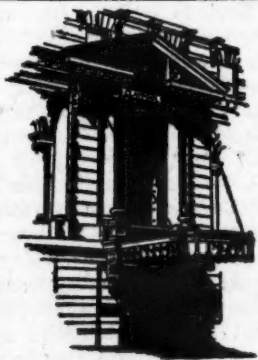
Weinstein Heads I. U. Pilam  
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Rodin of Gary succeeds Brother Ed Bell as Marshall. Also elected to the Executive Council was Leonard Schroeter of Hammond, who is covering the story of the Hill murder case for the Indiana Daily Student here on the campus. Brother Schroeter was the first reporter on the scene of the crime.

As a reward for maintaining an A-average throughout his three and one-half years of college, Leo Klein of Indianapolis has been awarded the Merit Scholarship given for outstanding scholastic ability.

Guests of the fraternity house for the past week end were co-eds Dora Lieberman, Marsha Levy, Mitzi Kahn, Ann Atlas, Evelyn Bubman, Idell Bailen, and Meriam Sicanoff. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Tischcoff and family of South Bend, Paul Sicanoff of Indianapolis, and five soldiers from Camp Atterbury.

Thelma Sachs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sachs, a junior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois has been elected for her second term as president of the Illinois Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Phi. The sorority has a membership of more than 40 students.



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## CALENDAR

Passover, last day ..... April 27  
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Rosh Hashonah ..... Sept. 30  
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Holiday begins at sundown day before.

The editor's chair,

The Jewish News of Detroit came out last week with an editorial applauding the action of the Rhode Island House in passing a bill which would make it mandatory for newspapers to print the names and addresses of letter writers to their letter columns. Several years ago The Post came out with a suggestion like that, at the time of the expose in the Cleveland paper which has uncovered a pro-Nazi letter-writing trainman who mailed epistles to the paper regularly from the various cities he traveled through using assumed names. The error in the thinking was this. A letter-writer should assume responsibility for what he says, that to be sure, but how would you judge the case of the worker for the Ford Motor Company who had a legitimate criticism against Henry Ford but was afraid to jeopardize his job on which his livelihood and the food for his family depended. That is the theory of letter columns in the newspapers, and this privilege for the underdog to say his piece will be ruled out if printing names and addresses is made mandatory. Of course the newspaper has the responsibility of checking each letter it prints to determine if the name appended is actually that of the writer, and of censoring untoward and inflammatory letters. To this end most newspapers require that the name of the writer be signed to each letter sent to it for publication, but this name need not necessarily be divulged if so requested by the author. The question then is, do we want this one type of letter column eliminated from our papers?

Although these figures have not been announced as yet, membership in the Zionist Organizations of America has jumped to 59,000 for 1943 as compared with slightly under 50,000 for the total of last year. In addition the Z. O. A.

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# Editorial Page

## That Hillel House Purchase Fund Again

THE PROBLEM of raising the money to pay off completely the mortgage on the newly-purchased Hillel House at the University of Indiana, still seems to trouble state B'nai B'rith leaders. Of the \$13,500 price for the building, a total of \$4,300 had been raised up to the time of the group meeting in Kokomo, and that without any concentrated effort in most communities. Of this sum \$2,000 was employed to complete the purchase, with the remainder of the cost price made into a mortgage. These figures do not include something over \$3,000 which will be needed to furnish the three-story building.

In the opinion of The Post the money can be

raised before June 1 if B'nai B'rith leaders will give the communities a chance to show their appreciation and understanding of what Hillel is accomplishing. Dr. Sachar has promised to come to Indianapolis to address a small meeting at any time and knowing our community The Post is sure that a minimum of \$5,000 could be raised right then and there. The state communities, rightly or wrongly looked to Indianapolis for leadership, and with our community doing nothing so far, although much deliberation has gone over the dam, the entire drive has been deprived of the incentive it would have if Indianapolis had led the way.

## A Problem For Civic Protective Groups

IF THE PRESENT trend continues, the isolationist viewpoint and whatever organization is built up or being built up to win over the American people to that type of understanding of the peace problem, will almost definitely be identified with anti-Semitism. Unquestionably those groups who have no concern for the victorious conclusion of this war, will attempt to tie their kite to the Isolationist group, for in that way they believe their desire to see the Axis nations salvage whatever they can from the present war, will be best furthered. On the other hand, there is a large section of the population whose loyalty cannot be questioned and whose wishes for this nation are exactly

opposed to this first traitorous crowd, who see in Isolationism the best course for the U. S. Government.

It may be a superhuman task, then, but certainly national Jewish organizations interested in civic protective field, should bend all their energies at showing the loyal group of Isolationists how necessary it is to steer clear of the anti-Semitic fringes, who employ hate of the Jew in exactly the same tact as does Hitler. Wendell Willkie forthrightly read the pro-Axis, Jew baiting elements out of the Republican camp in the 1940 election, although even in this much less complicated situation, he was not able to disgorge all who tried to use the party to gain their own ends.

## Reinterpreted for Every Generation

LAST YEAR, Passover editorials and sermons all pounded the key that now, wit the United Nations arrayed on the side of justice, the Jew who had been fighting the war almost singlehandedly for nine years, now was one in a common cause.

This year these editorials and sermons reflect the uneasiness of the Jew at the post war solution of the problems which have made the Jew today a wanderer in the wilderness again. The plaint is that the Jew, still alive after countless forty years in the wilderness, may

not be able to withstand many more such Exoduses.

So that the ancient rabbis who said the Passover message must be reinterpreted in the light of present day conditions, for each generation knew whereof they spoke. Remain ever vigilant, ever alert, for fear that freedom again be endangered by trends already making themselves felt and which if not turned aside may lead again to another Exodus, that is the message of our rabbis to us.

## Current Comment

**Fight for Freedom Rages from Danger of Defeatism to Faith and High Purpose.** Rabbi Nathaniel S. Share Shows in Gates of Prayer (New Orleans) Bulletin — The difficulties involved in the fight for freedom and the sources of strength that lead to victory are as old as the history of that struggle. Pesach, which begins on April 19 this year, comes to remind us of the first great story of deliverance. Not unlike freedom in our own day, that deliverance involved:

Danger: "The children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they were sore afraid." Ex. 14:10.

Privation: "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate bread to the full." Ex. 16:3.

Defeatism: "But the man that went up with him (Caleb, to spy out the land of Canaan) said, 'We are not able to go against that land, for they are stronger than we.'" Num. 13:31.

And these were the qualities that turned the balance for victory and freedom:

Daring and Decision: "And the Lord said unto Moses (when Pharaoh overtook Israel at the Red Sea): 'Wherefore criest thou to Me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.'" Ex. 14:15.

High Purpose: "I command thee this day to

love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments." Deut. 30:16.

Faith: "Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be dismayed because of them, for the Lord thy God it is that goeth with thee; He will not let thee fail, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6.

**Views of Rabbi G. George Fox on Rabbis Enlisting as Chaplains Endorsed by H. L. Meites in The Chicago Jewish Chronicle**—We heartily agree with Dr. G. George Fox in his views in reference to Rabbis who are hesitating to enter the chaplaincy for one reason or another. "Some have been told that their communities need them," Dr. Fox points out. But "so do the farmers need help; so do communities need doctors; but the younger men enlisted and continue to enlist. We do not agree with those of our colleagues who say that the men are more necessary at home. There are enough rabbis, too old for active service, and others unfit for army service, to take care of the home needs. I know of no rabbi who has applied for service and has been rejected on one ground or another, who is not willing to extend his services and help relieve the shortage which now exists in our chaplaincy, by serving other congregations." This is a most timely warning and should be heeded by rabbis who can enter the service of our country, but hesitate. This is no time for hesitation.

is preparing an ambitious mail membership drive, which in my opinion is doomed to failure. It really is a pity too, for this is a thoroughly-planned campaign to cost about \$10,000, and the poor results may so discourage the national leadership that other attempts will meet with a lot of resistance from the old guard. The entire 59,000 membership is being circularized with a very handsomely-gotten-up portfolio on Zionist achievements, and the appeal is made for each member to go out and get five new members. Thus if only 400 members respond, the original \$10,000 will be back in the till (at \$5.00 a member), and if more answer, the drive will have been a heart-warming success. In my estimation not even 400 will go out and get five members apiece, and that in all less than a thousand new members will be brought in. I believe that alert, live-wire, up to the minute methods in the membership department will get the 100,000 members which is the Z. O. A. goal, but any mail order executive will tell you that more will be needed than the most interesting propaganda folder to stir the membership to go out and solicit memberships. I hope I am wrong though.

You must know how often I am forced into the position of defending certain Jewish leaders in the city against the very bitterest attacks, and even now I have a letter from a local lawyer consuming two pages of the most obviously libelous matter. The letter was sent to me in duplicate as it originally went to another paper, and is aimed at a writer for that paper. Naturally I am not printing that letter, but the letter points to a dilemma which must confront us all at times.

It was only a week ago Sunday that I button-holed Rabbi Meyer Simon of Lafayette and Rabbi Herman Pollack of Bloomington, and posed the question "When hard decisions are made by zealous for a cause, are they undemocratic or are they merely being true liberals—ready to fight for a principle they firmly believe is right. Both rabbis sensed the problem as it is a difficult one to articulate, and they both admitted being troubled often by it too.

Rabbi Pollack said that it was a case of being specific and determining the question on each particular question that arose. Rabbi Simon brought out the point that the decision should be made on the answer to the point of when actual organization is attempted to undermine democracy. He referred to a decision by a Supreme Court Justice, which Rabbi Pollack said was Brandeis, that a man could speak against democracy but when he began to organize against it, then he was overstepping the bounds set up by liberalism.

The question is really a profound one, and hardly one to be discussed in this type of a column. Perhaps this quotation, or part of one from Reinhold Niebuhr, one of the leading religiousists of his time, may serve to clear away the cobwebs. Prof. Niebuhr in discussing the question of the religious man and war and says: "The difficulty is (Continued on Page 7.)



## AGED RABBI ASKS: "WHAT HAVE DEPORTATIONS GOT TO DO WITH IT?"

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I explained that the deportations and the attendant emergencies were taxing the J. D. C.'s resources to the full and that an allotment to the yeshiva might well have to wait until events took a more favorable turn.

"What have the deportations got to do with an allotment?" he said. His eyes, with their conspicuously thin blue veins, looked at me with inquiring naivete. **What He Really Was Saying**

But he was far from being naive. He was being stubborn. His question was a fighting one. What it really said was:

"Do you think that because Jews are being hounded we should stop all our traditional work of bringing up our young the way they should be brought up? As a matter of fact, now is the time to increase and intensify any activity that insures our survival. If Jews are romanticists

### Children to Present Rally of Hope

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—More than 10,000 children, representing 100,000 pupils of the religious Hebrew schools in Greater New York, will participate in the Rally of Hope at Madison Square Garden on Sunday afternoon, June 6, it was announced by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, honorary president of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations of America, who will act as chairman of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Arv K. Rothschild recently moved from Indianapolis to Jacksonville, Fla. where Arv is awaiting induction into the armed services. While there they are the guests of Mrs. Rothschild's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Benjamin, 3543 Oak St., Jacksonville, Fla.

### Editor's Chair.

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that it is not possible to espouse justice without opposing forces which seek human enslavement . . . the solution is not escape from conflict . . . we must oppose dangerous foes resolutely."

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As far as I've heard no petition presented in my name as a candidate for the board of the Jewish Community Center Association (five members must sign such a petition) has as yet been turned in, and my plan for making a real election seems to be going to fall by the wayside unless somebody stirs themselves into action.

### Card of Thanks

COHEN — Our heartfelt thanks are extended to our friends for their help and sympathy received at the death of our beloved mother. We especially wish to thank Rabbi David Shapiro, Cantor S. Levin and Mr. Louis Glogas for their consoling messages and help. We also wish to thank the Aaron-Ruben Funeral Home for their efficient services. Cohen Children.

and idealists, they are also realists. Remember that."

I didn't have to remember—I knew.

I knew it when I watched men, women and children, far from their lost homes, sit down to the seder in Caldas da Rainha, that little resort town 60 miles from Lisbon, where refugees who have no immediate emigration prospects live in "assigned residence." You would know it too, if you saw it, and recognize it as that indefinable something we call morale, or spirit, or undying hope. The British had it during the great aerial blitz. The Russians have it today.

But you can get lost along this road of hope if you don't meet markers every so often to remind you that you're on the correct path. Passover is one of those markers for Jews all over the world today. It reminds the weary and the oppressed that their day of deliverance will come too, and that the modern version of Pharaoh's cruel, unrelenting regime will some day come to an end.

### They Wouldn't Protest

The J. D. C. has always recognized this. Truth to tell, it really sensed it—and made the most of it. The J. D. C. goes to enormous trouble to get matzoth and other Passover foods to refugee communities all over the world. These people would hardly protest if the J. D. C. did not send them matzoth. They know what a huge obligation of mercy the J. D. C. has—in Portugal, in Spain, in Switzerland, in North Africa, in Asiatic Russia, in Latin America, in Iran, and on the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, which see boatloads of refugees sailing to freedom and a new life.

No, they wouldn't protest if the J. D. C. didn't send matzoth. But they would be disappointed—terribly disappointed.

There are more ways than one of giving relief. After more than 28 years of ministering to the needs of destitute Jews all over the map the J. D. C. knows the value of little things, understands thoroughly the precept that man does not live by bread alone. That is why the J. D. C. has sent hundreds of thousands of dollars for special Passover relief alone since it was founded. That is why it has dispatched this year as much matzoth and matzoh meal to refugee communities in Asiatic Russia, Portugal, Haiti, the Island of Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic as shipping facilities permitted.

On the sea lanes leading to Russian ports, during the past few months, boats, strung out like beads, cautiously wove thru the icy Atlantic while warships hovered about them like so many brooding hens. They were boats in a convoy. In their holds, huge crates filled with a different kind

of cargo jostled one another. Sometimes a flashlight was aimed at them, lighting up the black-stenciled letters: Consigned to Polish Embassy, U. S. S. R., from Joint Distribution Committee.

### More Than Physical Sustenance

Today thousands of destitute Polish Jewish refugees scattered from the Arctic Circle to the Persian border are eating the matzoth which made up this cargo, and drawing more than physical sustenance from them.

Last year the J. D. C. shipped 60 tons of matzoth to the Polish refugees in Russia. Later we got reports on how they were received. The refugees stood in silent, unbelieving awe as the matzoth were unpacked in the villages and hamlets. Some cried, some straightened their shoulders anew. True, they had been receiving all kinds of medicines, from boric acid to sulfanilamide, and all kinds of hospital and surgical tools from the J. D. C. Even blankets and diapers. But matzoth—they couldn't believe it. It represented the final assurance that "they," the American Jews, thought of them and all their needs. "It's easier to hope, it's easier to live," they said.

I knew a refugee in Lisbon—he is in a Latin American country—who waited a long, long time before he got his visa. His wife was killed by Stukas when he fled France after the collapse. His son fell in the Forest of Ardenne when the Nazi panzer divisions broke through at that end of the Maginot Line. All he had left in the world was a small daughter. It was for her that he lived. And each seder night in Lisbon he would break off a piece of matzoth, wrap it in a clean white handkerchief and put it away in his pocket. Months later when I had to tell him that he would have to continue to wait for that precious visa he took out the carefully wrapped piece of matzoh and said:

"My own private afikomen. If anything goes wrong I remember it and take heart."

"I kept one all last year, too," he added somewhat abashed.

In their own way Jews all over the world are putting away their private afikomen this Passover. We in America may well feel humbly proud that we have made it possible.

Editor's note: Dr. Schwartz is European chief of the Joint Distribution Committee and at present is in the United States on a brief visit.

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## Dorothy Berkowitz Is Engaged To Lt. S. S. Silverman

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Rosalie Lurvey has returned from Washington, D. C., New York City and a recent visit of ten days with Mrs. Ben Wallerstein (nee Diane Cohn) and husband in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Jennie Kroot of Indianapolis, who is at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, had her son, Abe Kroot, of Columbus, Ind., as a visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Goldsmith have returned from Chicago.

Mrs. Bailey Brown has returned from St. Louis, Mo., where she was called by the sudden death of her brother, Simon Zemelman. Mr. Zemelman is survived by a son and two daughters.

Mrs. Jack Harding spent a few days last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Herman Straus, and husband, and her granddaughter in Evansville, Ind.

Isidore Feibleman has returned from a visit with his son, Lt. Charles Feibleman and Mrs. Feibleman at Ft. Sill, Okla., and was present with them at the seder given for 100 members of the armed forces and their families.

## Births

Pvt. and Mrs. Louis Naparstek, 4057 Graceland, announce the birth of a daughter, April 19, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

## State Birth

INDIANA HARBOR—Pvt. and Mrs. Abe Tepper announce the birth of a son at St. Catherine's Hospital here. Mrs. Tepper is the former Helen Cohen of Indianapolis. Pvt. Tepper flew here from Fort Ord, Calif., where he is now stationed.

EAST CHICAGO — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smulevitz are the parents of a son born at St. Margaret's hospital in Hammond.

Mrs. Elias Berkowitz of Terre Haute and Captain and Mrs. Harry Kahan of Camp Atterbury, formerly of Gary, Ind., were out of town guests at the family seder, Monday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levin. Mrs. Berkowitz and Mrs. Kahan are sisters of Harry and Leon Levin.

Mrs. Louis Toffler of Leavenworth, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Manuel Freeman.

Mrs. H. Benjamin Marks has returned from Cincinnati, where she attended the ceremonies attendant upon the awarding of the Army-Navy E to the Kelly-Koett X-Ray Manufacturing Co., of which her son-in-law, Adolph Feibel, is president.

Mrs. Sam Rose and daughter Shirley have returned from two weeks in New York City visiting relatives there. Mr. Rose flew to join his wife and daughter for a few days' stay during their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Speigman and daughter Pauline of Kansas City, Mo., will come Monday from Cleveland where they celebrated Passover with Mr. Speigman's parents, to visit Mrs. Speigman's uncle, Meyer Efronson and aunt, Miss Gertrude Feibleman. Mr. Speigman will remain only a few days and will then go to Des Moines, Ia., to become Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Society there. His family will join him there later. Mrs. Speigman is the former Charlotte Sudransky of Indianapolis, sister of Dr. Herbert Sudransky.

Mrs. Irvin Haupt has returned from a several weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rappaport and Mr. Haupt's parents in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Jess Hallert of Evansville is recuperating here after an operation at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. Oppenheim, 3416 Broadway.

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